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Dave Harris, Program Manager
Federal Highway Administration, Office of Operations
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: U.S. Department of Transportation - Advanced Transportation and
Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Grant**

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Chula Vista as it competes for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. It is my understanding that the City of Chula Vista is proposing a variety of projects to combat ozone pollution and reduce asthma-related emergency room visits through the deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems and a connected traffic signal network.

The City of Chula Vista has the highest number of asthma-related emergency room visits in the region (per 100,000 population). High levels of ozone and other vehicle emissions play a critical role in the exacerbation of asthma and other respiratory diseases. The project offers a strategy for a very significant reduction of greenhouse gases and ozone pollution levels. The City of Chula Vista would like to ensure the implementation of a state-of-the-art transportation system that will provide a safer, more efficient, and more environmentally friendly transportation network for all of its users.

Chula Vista plans to implement adaptive traffic control systems, hi-resolution enabled traffic signal controllers, transit signal priority, smart street lights with environmental sensors, and GPS-enabled fire response systems. These new systems will enhance safety, increase efficiency, reduce fuel consumption, and reduce greenhouse gases. Chula Vista

also intends to deploy enhanced detection and communication systems that will support future Audio/Visual demonstrations which will lead to safer and more fuel efficient (fewer emissions, less ozone) technologies.

The City of Chula Vista has a proud history of being a leader in clean air policies, innovative energy solutions, and adaptive traffic control systems in the region. The concepts they are proposing will be a significant step toward the establishment of a successful and replicable model for other communities across the state and the rest of the country.

I am pleased to support the City of Chula Vista's application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant. I look forward to any future collaboration. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me or my District Office at (619) 531-7913.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley N. Weber', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.
Assemblymember, 79th District